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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death while on duty of Illinois State Police Sergeant Rodney Todd Miller of Decatur on Friday May 12, 2006; and

WHEREAS, He was born on May 23, 1965, in Decatur to David and Ellen Miller; he graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1983 and earned a communications degree from Millikin University in 1988; he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity; and

WHEREAS, While at Millikin University, he established himself as one of the most outstanding swimmers in NCAA Division III; he earned All-American honors 16 times and was a national champion six times in three events during his swimming career; he was voted Illinois Swimmer Association Male Swimmer of the Year four times and in 1987 was named Herald & Review Athlete of the Year; he set numerous university, conference, and State records, including four individual and four relay records; he won 20 conference championships, including a conference record 12 individual titles; twice he was named Millikin captain and as a senior, was chosen to receive the M award, given to the senior man who contributed the most to Millikin's athletic program; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, he worked two years as personnel director for D.C. Becket Co. before beginning his career as an Illinois State Trooper in 1990; he became a Special Agent in 1994 and quickly established himself as a top-notch investigator with a vast knowledge of criminal law; he received a special citation after his investigative work in the Karyn Slover homicide case, receiving accolades for his professional excellence and unfailing work ethic; and

1 WHEREAS, He was promoted to Sergeant on Dec. 16, 2003, and
2 was most recently assigned to Zone 5 investigations as the
3 Acting Master Sergeant over the special investigations unit; he
4 was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Trooper Lodge
5 41; he received four State Police unit citations and a
6 department commendation for being nominated officer of the
7 year; and

8 WHEREAS, He is remembered by friends and colleagues as
9 possessing an outstanding work ethic and for his
10 professionalism and dedication to his family; he was known for
11 his quick laugh and self-deprecating sense of humor; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Miller married Karla Camillo on March 3,
13 1990; he took great pride in his sons and enjoyed coaching
14 their baseball teams; he was most recently named commissioner
15 for the national league 9-10-year-olds South Shore Baseball
16 program; and

17 WHEREAS, He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending
18 time fishing and hunting with his dad and friends at his farm
19 in western Illinois; he had a hunter's respect for the natural
20 world and always believed in conservation and preserving the
21 environment; and

22 WHEREAS, After his collegiate athletic career concluded,
23 he continued to maintain his athletic mindset; he had been
24 training to become a triathlete and most recently had competed
25 in the Sullivan triathlon, placing first in swimming and 20th
26 overall; and

27 WHEREAS, The passing of Sergeant Rodney Todd Miller has
28 been deeply felt by many, especially his wife, Karla; his sons,
29 Daley and Zach; his parents, David and Ellen Miller; his
30 sister, Shelly Kellum, and her husband Gary; his
31 brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and his numerous nieces

1 and nephews; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
4 Sergeant Rodney Todd Miller, who will be remembered for his
5 tireless pursuit of justice and exceptional devotion to his
6 family, and we extend our sincere condolences to his family,
7 friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to his family as an expression of our deepest
10 sympathy.